"Dusty the Bread Man," or prosecuterial crookedness HW 11/6/74

From an informed source whose representations of fact I have always found to be accurate and who wants anonimity I learned that there was crookedness in the Canale office involving the man who took the Ray case over when Dwyer and Beasley became judges and who at the time of the case had been administrative DA. It came about this way, according to this source, whose source was Acting Chief of Police Jack Wallace. (Wallace said he'd deny the story if it ever appeared.)

Former mayor Loeb, ultra-right but allegedly honest- the man whose policies caused the strike during w ich King was killed - came to believe that there was hankypanky in Canale's office from regular reports that in the underworld there was talk of "Dusty the Bread Man." Dusty is the nickname of Rhodes.

Loeb turned it over to the Deputy Chief of Police, who had an illegal tap installed. The tap yielded the proof that Dusty was on the take. He resigned quietly, followed by Canale. In Canale's case there were reports that may or may not have been part of this ploy, that he would retire so Hugh Stanton Jr. could be appointed in his place and have the advantage of incumbence. Whether or not connected, this is what did happen. Stanton had been assistant Public Defender while his late father was PD.

With the tap illegal, the proof could not be used. I doubt it would have been had it been admissable and I have little doubt admissable proof could have been obtained had there been the desire.

Rhodes is the DA to whom all Ray's intercepted mail was delivered for illegal copying under Policy State,ent 11.

Not until he was about to take the stand did we learn that he had had a heart attack. I was not then in the courtroom. Lesar did not ask him this tough question about the copying, from intent or forgetfulness. With this heart condition, I agree sh he should not have. We had enough proof without Rhodes' admissions.

He is practising law. Canale is an official of the Union Planters' Bank, apparently not practising law now.

Repeated reports are that Larry Hutchison is the new hatchet man in the DA's office. It appears that each DA has his own hatchetman who do his strong-arm and dirty work so tha each can present the face of decency in public. Canale had a good public reputation but a very bad private record.